GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

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GROWTH RATE IN CAPACITY ADDITION
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate of wind energy in terms of capacity addition has come down during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the growth of wind energy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The progress in the first three years of the Ninth Plan has been slow on account of the following factors: economic and industrial scenario; introduction of Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT); impact of reduction of Corporate Tax Rate on the extent of benefit from accelerated depreciation; inadequate power evacuation facilities in major potential areas; and, delays in land allotment, forestry clearance and other approvals in certain States.

(c): 192 potential sites in 13 States / UTs have been identified for wind power projects. Fiscal and promotional incentives are available for commercial projects. Attractive policies have been announced by the State Governments for wheeling, banking and buy-back of electricity generated from wind power projects. Soft loans are also available from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for wind power projects.